

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims, please amend claims 11, 14, and 18 as follows:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A process for inhibiting expression of a gene in an in vivo parenchymal cell in a target tissue in a mammal, comprising:

- a) mixing a double strand RNA oligonucleotide consisting of a sequence that is substantially complementary to a portion of a sequence of the gene and a compound selected from the group consisting of amphipathic compounds, polymers and non-viral vectors to form a complex wherein the zeta potential of the complex is less negative than the zeta potential of the double strand RNA oligonucleotide alone;
- b) injecting a volume of a solution containing the complex into an efferent or afferent mammalian vessel of the target tissue in vivo wherein the volume of the solution and the rate at which the solution is injected increases the volume of fluid within a vessel in the target tissue resulting in increased hydrostatic pressure against a wall of the vessel thereby increasing permeability of vessel and delivering the double strand RNA oligonucleotide from inside the vessel, through the wall of the vessel, into the extravascular space and into the in vivo parenchymal cell, wherein the double strand RNA oligonucleotide inhibits expression of the gene.

12-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The process of claim [[13]] 11 wherein the parenchymal cell is selected from the group consisting of liver cells, spleen cells, heart cells, kidney cells, prostate cells, skin cells, testis cells, skeletal muscle cells, fat, bladder cells, brain cells, pancreas cells, thymus cells, and lung cells.

15. (previously presented) The process of claim 11 wherein the complex has a positive charge.

16. (previously presented) The process of claim 11 wherein the complex has a negative charge.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The process of claim [[17]] 11 wherein the fluid is inserted within 2 minutes.